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School supply give away

The Pahokee Church of God, 245 West 3rd Street, next to Thriftway on Rardin Avenue, will be having a back to school supply give away. The event will be Saturday, August 11 from 11 a.m. until all the supplies are gone.

Parents are urged to come and bring their children.

CPR and First Aid courses offered

The American Red Cross Glades Area Branch is holding a CPR and First Aid course on Saturday, August 19 at the branch office, 195 U.S. Highway 27 South, South Bay.

The certification course gives participants a one year certification in CPR and a three year certification in First Aid.

For more information contact the Red Cross office at 992-9703.

Fun Day

Men On the Serious Side are sponsoring a Back to School Fun Day on Saturday, August 12 at Tanner Park in South Bay.

School supplies will be given away and there will be games and activities and food and drinks. The event will take place from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

For more information, call Jeffrey Henry at 996-8464 or Mike Cromer at 924-2956.

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School supplies will be given to local children on August 12 beginning at 8 a.m. at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church in Pahokee.

This annual school supply give away is sponsored by GEL Carolyn Brown and the Glades Ethnic Ladies Club.

Member of the GEL club will be in attendance at the give away. Parents are asked to bring their children to this event.

For more information contact Carolyn Brown, Mary Pringle or Myrtice Cade.

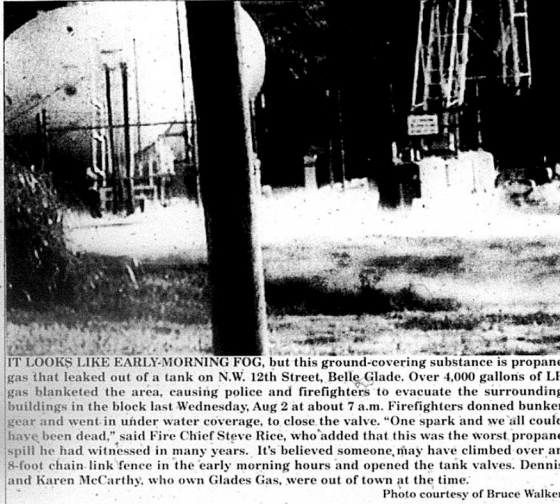
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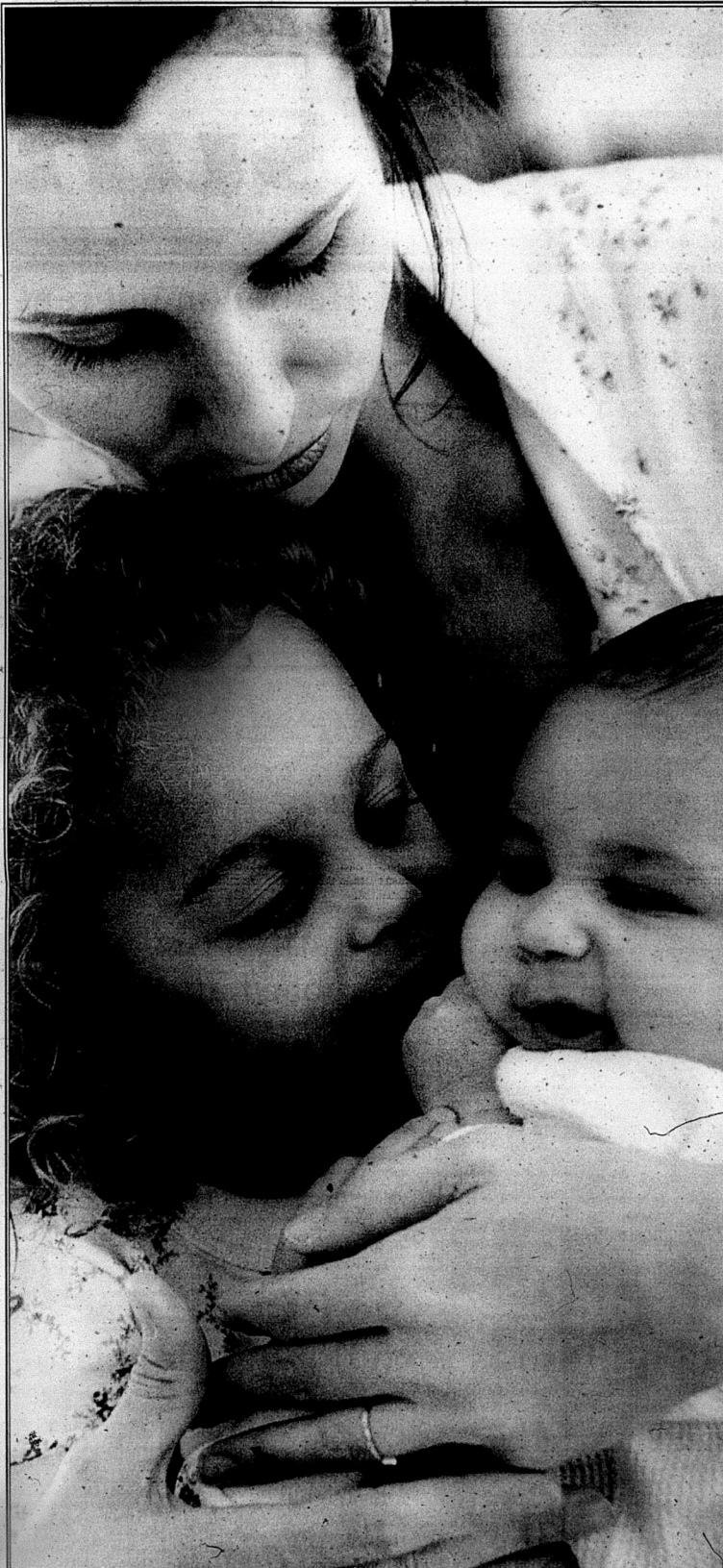


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Grilling a popular choice for low-fat summer cooking



Katrina Elskin
Contributing Editor

Grilling foods on the barbecue is popular in Florida. For those concerned with fat consumption, cooking on a grill can reduce the need for added fats and even cook off some of the fats in the meat. Cooking outdoors also means you don't have to heat up the kitchen and add to summer air conditioning bills.

"The Barbecue Bible" by Steven Raichlen offers the following "ten commandments for perfect grilling":
1. Be organized. Have everything you need for grilling — the food, marinade, basting sauce, seasonings and equipment — on hand and at grillside before you start grilling.
2. Gauge your fuel. There's nothing worse than running out of charcoal or gas in the middle of grilling. When using charcoal, light enough to form a bed of glowing coals three inches larger on all sides than the surface area of the food you are planning to cook. When cooking on a gas grill, make sure the

tank is at least one-third full.
3. Preheat the grill to the right temperature. Grilling is a high-heat cooking method. How high? At least 500 degrees Fahrenheit. When using charcoal, let it turn until it is covered with a thin coat of gray ash.
When using a gas grill, preheat to high; this takes 10 to 15 minutes.
4. Keep it clean. There's nothing less appetizing than grilling on dirty old burnt bits of food stuck to the grate. Clean the grate twice: once after you've preheated the grill and again when you have finished cooking. The first cleaning will

remove anything you missed after your last grilling session.
5. Keep it lubricated. Oil the grate just before placing food on top, if necessary. Spray it with oil (away from the heat), use a folded paper towel soaked in oil or rub it with a piece of bacon, beef fat or chicken skin.
6. Turn, don't stab. The proper way to turn meat on a grill is with tongs or a spatula. Never stab the meat with a carving fork — unless you want to drain the flavor-rich juices onto the coals.
7. Know when to taste. Read the recipe for the type of marinade or baste you are using. Sugar-based barbecue sauces

should be applied toward the end of cooking time. The sugar in these sauces can burn easily and should not be exposed to prolonged heat.
8. Keep it covered. When cooking larger cuts of meat, keep the grill covered tightly. Every time you lift the lid, you add 5 to 10 minutes cooking time.
9. Give it a rest. Grilled meat will taste better if you let it sit for a few minutes before serving. This allows the juices, which go to the center of the meat during high-heat cooking, to redistribute. The result is a tastier, juicier meal.
10. Never desert your post. Grilling is an easy cooking

method but it demands attention. Once you put something on the grill, stay there until it is cooked.
For safe grilling, read and follow the recommendations provided by the grill manufacturer. If you no longer have these directions, the Florida Department of Consumer Services offers a number of publications dealing with cooking safety.
Before making any changes in your diet, check with your doctor. This is especially important if you are on prescription medications. Some foods that would otherwise be considered healthy can interact badly with prescription drugs.

ER Chronicles: He was another guy without a helmet



Arlen R. Stauffer, MD

bright Saturday afternoon — Ah, yes!
BoBo's long, scraggly locks flowed behind his head. The repeal of the state's helmet law for motorcyclists kept BoBo smiling this past three months. There was nothing like that feeling of freedom and energy he got when he rode his bike. The three rolled slowly around a gentle bend in the country road. BoBo's bike trailing a few feet behind his two friends. BoBo didn't notice the loose gravel in time to slow his bike on the curve.
BoBo's Harley slipped and slid. Some of the tattoos on BoBo's bare arms peeled off on the pavement. Then BoBo's bare head met a small rock at the edge of the road.
That feeling of freedom and energy suddenly went dark.
"Yes, this is Medic 67." The radio came to life in the ER.

"I'm about five minutes out with a 44 year old victim of a head injury from a motorcycle accident."
There was a collective moan from the ER staff. They had just finished working a trauma patient, having wheeled the trauma stretcher back from the Surgery OR just a couple minutes before this call.
The paramedic continued. "He's been unconscious since the accident; the only obvious trauma is to his head and some road-rash on his arms and shoulders. His Glasgow score is only three. Blood pressure is 170 over 90, pulse 70, respirations only about 10."
Emergency physician Tammy Cortez took a deep breath. The entire team began pulling on their gowns, gloves, and face shields again. Emergency nurse Phil and a technician checked the monitoring equipment; everyone else stood silently in Trauma 3, waiting for this next patient.
"Probably another guy with no helmet," Phil said while shaking his head. He had been the ER nurse in charge in the trauma suite during the past five motorcycle accidents. The entire trauma team was weary; there was this vulgar sense of repetition. It was a recurring bad dream...but, they were professionals, and they would do their jobs.
"I suppose he had no head protection," Cortez said as the paramedic slid BoBo onto the trauma stretcher.
"Course not," the paramedic said as she handed an IV bag to a nurse. "He hasn't moved or made a sound since we got to him. He really wasn't going that fast, but his head...well, you know."
While three nurses connected wires to BoBo's chest, drew blood from his arm, and inserted a tube into his bladder, Cortez moved quickly up toward BoBo's head. Although she was focused on his nose and mouth and lungs initially, she couldn't help but notice the blood coming from both ears, and the deep dent in the top of his scalp.
"I don't like his respiratory pattern. Let's get him tubed now." Cortez took the lighted metal laryngoscope and plastic endotracheal tube from the nurse. After suctioning, some saliva and blood from BoBo's mouth, she slid the scope in toward his trachea. She moved quickly, but very carefully. BoBo's head and neck had to be kept perfectly still, since there was also the possibility of an injury to his neck.
"I'm in," Cortez stepped back,

allowing the Respiratory Therapist to move in and begin squeezing oxygen into BoBo's lungs through the plastic tube. Just outside the doorway, a commotion could be heard, then a man shouted, "I just want to see how he is!"
One of BoBo's riding buddies peeked in through the doorway. He caught the attention of Cortez as she was running her hands down along BoBo's chest wall. The look of fright on his face made Cortez stop what she was doing.
"He's not doing very well, Sir." She tried to use a calm tone. "Oh, no! No!" The friend backed out of the doorway. As he hurried off, he added, "I gotta get ahead of his wife."
Satisfied that there were no obvious injuries to BoBo's chest or abdomen, Cortez resumed her close examination of his head, and of what brain function still remained in this battered cranium.
As the neurosurgeon walked in, Cortez shot a frustrated look his direction.
"Another guy with no helmet," she said. "His long hair wasn't much protection," she added sarcastically.
As the neurosurgeon finished a quick check of BoBo's neurologic status, he scowled and

backed away from the bed.
"I doubt that there will be much left to salvage in there," he said in a matter of fact way.
"But, we'll see what the CT scan looks like before we start talking about whether he's dead or not."
As he left the room, he added, "How many is this, six this week?"
As BoBo's bed rolled toward the CT scan room, Cortez looked down and swore quietly. She was feeling the frustration, almost rage, of the ER team that had to confront these traumas every day. Even though it had been three months since the repeal of the helmet law, there was still a sense of disbelief every time another BoBo rolled in.
"What an idiot!" Phil chimed in. Just then, a woman appeared in the doorway to the room. By the look of horror in her tear-filled eyes, everyone knew that this woman must be BoBo's wife, and that she must have heard that last exchange of words.
Each year in this country, more than 2,200 people are killed in motorcycle crashes, and another 55,000 are injured. On the basis of miles driven, studies have found that a motorcyclist is 16 times more

likely to die in a crash than is an automobile driver. Wearing an effective, approved motorcycle helmet reduces that risk of death by almost one-third.
For those who live, hospitalization costs average about \$3,000 higher for motorcycle crash victims who were not wearing helmets, compared to victims who were helmeted at the time of their crash.
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Belle Glade Alliance Church invites all members of the community to join them at SonZone Discovery Center.

The closing program will be Sunday, August 13 at 7 p.m. It will be a musical event for the whole family. The SonZone Discovery Center Vacation Bible School begins August 7 and continues through August 11. It will be at the Belle Glade Alliance Church, 425 East Canal Street, North from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. It is open to Grade K through Grade 5.

For more information, call 996-9914.

Lake Shore Middle School registration

All parents/guardians will need to register 6th, 7th and 8th grade students for the 2000-2001 school year at Lake Shore Middle School. Registration will be held at the new school on Aug. 11 and 14 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Aug. 15 from 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. in the cafeteria.

All sixth grade students will need to present a HRS 680 Immunization Form (Blue Card). No physical is required.

All seventh graders will need to have a physical. If they were in 5th grade during the 1998-1999 school year and had a physical on or after August 19, 1998, it will be accepted for the 2000-2001 school year. Seventh grade students will also need to have started their Hepatitis B Series and have had a Tetanus Booster.

SHIP Spirit 2000 Conference

The second annual Senior HIV Intervention Project, SHIP Spirit 2000 conference in the Glades, hosted by Glades General Hospital, will feature Dr. Allan Noonan, MD, MPH, Senior Advisor with the Office of the Surgeon General, Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, D.C. Saturday, Sept. 16 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Other guest speakers during the conference include Rev. Dr. George E. McRae, Mt. Taber Baptist Church, Miami, Rev. Marilyn Usher, Greater Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Miami and Dr. Betty

Class of 1991

There will be a meeting for Glades Central Class of 1991 on Sunday, Aug. 13 at 4 p.m. at Pioneer Park pavilion.

Classmates are urged to attend and bring ideas for the 10 year celebration.

For more information call Dionne Tolbert at 996-4574.

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If any patient desires to receive copies of their medical records, please come to either office by September 5, 2000. The expected date of the arrival of our new primary care provider is September 1, 2000.

For more information, please contact either office.

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Registration at Gove

Gove Elementary School will be holding fall registration through Tuesday, August 15 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. daily.

Only a parent or legal guardian may register a student and sign the registration form.

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All students' health records must be up to date before the first day of school on Wednesday, August 16.

Glades Central registration

Glades Central Community High School registration will take place from new 9th grade students from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 10.

On Friday, Aug. 11, all students can register from 8 a.m. to noon. These registrations will take place in the Guidance Suite.

Ninth grade registration will take place in the Media Center on August 10. Parents are encouraged to accompany their new 9th grade students to registration and to participate in one of the orientation sessions. Session one will begin at 11 a.m. and session two will begin at 6 p.m. The orientation sessions will provide both student and parent vital information necessary to facilitate a smooth transition for all new 9th graders. All updated physicals and

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OPINION PAGE

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City employees did deserve their raises

I am writing in regard to the Speak Out recently in which the writer said city employees did not deserve a raise. He mentioned no employees went beyond their duties because there was trash on the roads, garbage cans turned over and lights that need fixing. Also, that the money should have been used to pay someone to go to the park and supervise children while playing games.

I agree it would be great to have supervision in the parks, but people need to take care of their own children. If they are young and in the park, a responsible person should be with them anyway. If they are playing in the streets, where are the parents?

City employees deserve a raise just like anyone else. I don't like my trash cans being tossed all over either, but because a garbage man does not do his job properly, are the other employees supposed to be penalized?

The policeman who is called out in the middle of the night (leaving his family) to help find that missing child, or because of a grizzly murder or a robbery, is also a city employee. So is the fireman who is called out at any time to a fire or the many emergencies that take place within our homes and work places. And most of the time, all you hear about is the time they took too long getting there, not the fact that they risked their own lives to do so.

The writer also stated the Belle Glade teen pregnancy rate is high and something should have been done with that money for that situation. The answer to that is certainly not money. There is only so much the city can be held responsible for.

The item regarding city water rates is something I feel should be investigated. The rates are too high, in my opinion, and I would welcome a change there.

I am not a city employee, but I am a citizen of Belle Glade and have been for many years. While I have seen a lot of changes here that are not what I would like to see, I do not want to hear criticism such as that Speak Out. If the writer would care to check into it a little further, he will find there have been many areas in the city that need without pay increases many times. They have families to support and bills to pay just like anyone else. Thanks for letting me have my say."

Stopping for trains

"I'd like to know why, by state law, school buses and Palm Trunk buses, must come to a complete stop at railroad crossings? What is the purpose of completely stopping when you can see way in advance that there are no

oncoming trains?"

You can hear these trains coming and the bars normally come down.

This is very time-consuming, especially if you are running late or need to be somewhere by a certain time. I understand this is a public safety issue, but if they are going to make the buses stop, why not cars?

Think about it. There have been many more cars that have run into trains than school buses. I just want to know the point because you can see ahead of time so why stop completely?

Editor's note: I believe you answered your own questions when you said "more cars have run into trains than school buses," and "The bars normally come down."

Abandoned buildings

"I'm a social worker in Belle Glade and I know some of the needs of the people in Belle Glade.

I did my homework. I drove around Belle Glade. I drove down Avenue D, there is an abandoned building. I drove down Southwest 9th Street, there are four. I drove down Southwest Avenue B, there is another abandoned building. I drove down Southwest Avenue C Place, there are two abandoned buildings. On West Avenue A, there is another abandoned building. I drove down 5th Street, the place they call the COPS station, where the new police station is, there are two abandoned buildings there and beside the old bar there are two more abandoned buildings.

The city needs to contact the owners of these buildings to tell them to tear the buildings down. The city could purchase one of those and start a homeless kitchen.

I'd be willing to donate my time on Saturday and Sunday morning and evening. I will use my own money if the city will supply the utilities.

Commissioners, mayor, please ride down in the black community. See how the people are living, and you want to charge them all that high water bills. Some citizens are sleeping on the street, in buses, in old, abandoned buildings. These used to be productive citizens. Some fell on hard times, some don't have employment. Those are our citizens. Come and see what Belle Glade is overlooking.

Whoever made that decision to give the employees \$50 for each year they have been employed for the City of Belle Glade, they didn't weigh the opinion of the people in Belle Glade. They could have opened up a homeless kitchen, did things for the citizens of Belle

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"YOU'D BE A NERVOUS WRECK TOO IF YOU DIDN'T KNOW WHETHER TO BELIEVE YOUR BEAUTICIAN OR THE TABLOIDS."

Value fathers for nurturing, not genes or dollars

Father's Day may spotlight fatherhood, but dads are invisible men the rest of the year when it comes to being recognized as nurturers and caregivers for their children, says a University of Florida researcher.

Too often the legal system appreciates fathers only for their genetic input and economic contributions, said Nancy Dowd, a UF law professor and expert in family law. In her new book "Redefining Fatherhood," scheduled for publication by New York University Press in August, Dowd argues that parenthood for men should be redefined as nurturing rather than being thought of in biological or economic terms.

"Fatherhood means doing," she said. "It doesn't mean paying, it doesn't mean begetting. Yet society's notion of what it means to be a father in terms of what we legally require and support conforms with the classic definition of the father as breadwinner, not the father as caregiver."

One of the biggest barriers to male nurturing is society's work structure, which makes it difficult for all parents to parent but is particularly biased in favor of men working more and women parenting more, Dowd said.

Traditionally men have been employed in a different range of jobs that "pay more than women's work, and they may be reluctant to spend more time with their children if it means jeopardizing the family's income," she said.

"To change that would require rethinking every single workplace to try to determine what an appropriate balance is between being a good worker and being a good parent," Dowd said.

"Unless we resolve some of the economic issues, we will never be able to open the door to thinking in more significant ways about nurturing, because care giving will always be overridden by the need for additional family income," she said.

To assure that all families have sufficient income while they parent, some sort of family

support system must be implemented, possibly modeled after Social Security benefits for widowers, which permits a combination of part-time work and family care, Dowd said.

Instead, society has headed toward having every parent employed full-time, she said. Other improvements Dowd suggests include expanding parental leave policies to allow fathers and mothers to take time off work to care for sick children, attend school conferences or be present at well-child doctor visits.

"It would require imagining that both men and women could be significantly involved with their children," she said. "We do not currently have a work structure that functions that way."

"Also necessary is a 'cultural' overhaul in our ideas about fatherhood," she said.

Such a social change must be propelled by intensive public education of the kind that changed attitudes about drinking, smoking and safe sex, Dowd said. Educating men about fatherhood is essential to change the pattern of men's involvement in child care, she said.

More is expected of fathers today, but the proportion who split child care responsibilities 50-50 with their wives or are the primary caregivers is minuscule, Dowd said. "Involved" fathers often turn out to be still secondary parents, with true 50-50 equal sharing quite rare, she said.

"It's certainly not because men can't parent as well as women," she said. "When men are put in the position of being the sole or primary caregiver, they parent just as well as women do."

Men who have the strongest connection to children live in the same household as their children and have a positive relationship with the children's mother, Dowd said.

"Although social expectations have changed and we speak of equality, our practice is that fathers are secondary and back-up nurturers," she said.

Looking back...



Glades Day School students participated in a class play in the early 1970's. Do you recognize any of these faces from the past?

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Glade. I'm going to pray for everybody at city hall and you people up there, you have a blessed day."

Parental supervision.

"Yes. I'd like to respond to whoever it was that voiced their opinion about city raises. Whatever happened to parental supervision and keeping their kids entertained and things like that?"

Sunspots/From Page 3**Registration/Open House at Glade View**

Glade View Elementary will have registration on Aug. 10 and 11 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the cafeteria for Pre K through 5th grade. There will also be an open house on Aug. 29 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

For information call 993-4035.

Adult programs to resume at Glades Central

Glades Central Community High School's Adult Education programs will resume Wednesday, Aug. 16.

Adult basic education, GED preparation, and English for Speakers of Other Languages classes will be held Mondays through Thursdays 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Palm Beach Community College and 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Glades Central.

PalmTran will continue running buses until 8:35 p.m. and child care will be available during evening classes. High school credit classes for students who need to make up failed courses will also be in session. Interested students should see their high school guidance counselors.

Call 993-4404 for more information.

Singles Conference 2000

The Inspirational Church of God, 1905 S.W. 6th Avenue, South Bay, is offering Singles Conference 2000 on August 10-12 at the church.

The theme of the conference is "Enduring and Maturing in the Season of Single."

Tinted windows

"This Speak Out is for the Pahokee Police Department. I would like for the chief to let us know why it is that the new cars are having window tinting put on them?"

"I'm a little concerned because I feel if a police officer is going to stop me, I want to be able to see who is in that car. I don't think, and I know a lot of people are going to agree with me, that they should have tinted windows on their car."

We don't know what they are doing inside their car. If they didn't have that, I wouldn't have a problem with this. Thank you."

Editor's note: Pahokee Police Chief Gary Fréchette says patrol cars are not being retinted. He agrees this would not be a safe option on patrol cars since officers would need to see inside the cars to view prisoners they are transporting and for other safety reasons.

On Tuesday, Aug. 15 from 4 to 6 p.m.

Everyone is invited to come and see the beautiful new facility, meet teachers and pick up class schedules.

For more information, call the school at 996-4975.

Open House at School of Choice

West School of Choice will have open house on Monday, Aug. 14 from 4 to 6 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Registration for the school year will take place and parents and students are encouraged to attend.

Anyone with questions can call Irma Woods at 924-6540.

Boys and Girls Club

Those parents or guardians who wish to re-enroll their child in the programs at the Glades Boys & Girls Clubs can do so from now through August 4, Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Renewal information will be taken at Lake Shore Civic Center for all current members at the centers and children who graduated to Lake Shore Middle School may renew their membership at the Teen Club.

Open registration to fill remaining slots after the renewal period will take place at the Teen club from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the following places: Thursday, Aug. 10 at Belle Glade Elementary; Friday, Aug. 11 at Glade View; Aug. 10-11 at Canal Point Elementary and Aug. 10-11 at the Teen Club.

For more information, please call 992-5399.

Studying the world of prehistoric hurricanes

Mike Lyons

It is probably the most famous apartment complex in hurricane history. It is the Richeleau Apartments of Biloxi, Mississippi, a three story building, home to 75 apartments, sitting just a few yards from the Gulf of Mexico.

In 1969, Hurricane Camille produced a 25 foot storm surge that swept the Richeleau Apartments into history. That storm surge destroyed the entire building, killing 11 people who refused to leave their "hurricane party" in a third floor apartment.

In 1986, on a visit to Biloxi to talk to the survivors of Hurricane Camille, I stopped by what was left of the Richeleau Apartments. I could still see bits and pieces of the building, mostly bathroom tile, 17 years after Camille had come and gone.

Camille was a monster, a category 5 hurricane producing

sustained winds of 175 mph. Thankfully, these powerful storms are rare. Just two category 5 storms have made landfall in the United States in the last 150 years.

Hurricane history prior to 1850 is unreliable, yet a small group of scientists are looking for signs of hurricanes that predate recorded history. In a new branch of science called paleo-tempestology, scientists have begun the search for prehistoric hurricanes.

That search takes place in lakes near coastline, where the storm surge from past hurricanes may have deposited sand from the ocean floor. That sand eventually settles to the bottom of the lake in a layer of sediment.

"There are no other high-energy events that would cause sand to be transported outwards the middle of a lake," said Kam-biu Liu of Louisiana State University, one of the first scientists to explore the world of prehistoric hurricanes.

Liu began to look for sand layers in lakes across the southeast United States, including Western Lake in Florida. He drills into the lake bottom, removing cores of sediment ranging from one to 10 meters deep.

The organic matter within the cores are then dated using radiocarbon analysis. The results show sediment cores going back as far as 5,000

years. Based on data from 16 lakes around the Gulf of Mexico, Liu concluded that category 5 hurricanes were much more common 1,000 to 3,500 years ago. During that period, Liu says a major hurricane struck the Gulf Coast five times more often than they have in the past 1,000 years.

Combining all the data, Liu says a category 5 hurricane strikes the Gulf Coast once every 300 years.

Liu has now taken his drill to lakes in Virginia and Massachusetts to continue his search for prehistoric hurricanes. And soon he'll be traveling to China where lake sediments and historical records will be combined into what Liu hopes will be the "longest tropical cyclone record in the world."

Along with filling in the blanks of history, Liu's research should help scientists and insurance companies calculate a better estimate of severe hurricane frequency in the United States and other regions of the world.

Knowing the past should help us prepare for the future. It's too late for the Richeleau Apartments, but Liu's research may help prevent another apartment building from becoming famous.

(Mike Lyons is the chief weather forecaster for WPBF-TV)

CRIME STOPPERS

Edward McKenzie

Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County, Inc., is asking citizens to help locate Edward McKenzie, who is wanted for violation of conditional release on charges of robbery and robbery with a firearm.

McKenzie is a black male 5'8" tall, and weighs 160 pounds. He has black hair and brown eyes and scars on both arms. His date of birth is April 13, 1962.

His last known address was 700 Southwest Avenue B, Belle Glade. His last occupation was as a landscaper. His warrant was active as of August 1, 2000. If you know the whereabouts of Edward McKenzie, or anyone involved in a serious crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-8477. You can remain anonymous and still receive a cash reward if your tip leads to an arrest.

Arrest Blotters

Editor's note: The police news on this page lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Arrested persons who are found not guilty or have had the charges against them dropped are welcome to let us know. We will confirm the information and print it.

BELLE GLADE

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 81 complaints, gave 18 traffic citations and made 16 arrests the week of July 31-August 6. Those arrested included:

July 31 - No arrests made.

August 1 - Ulysses Thompson, 31, failure to appear on charges of resisting an officer without violence and driving while license suspended; Dexter Gibson, 27, assault and resisting an officer with violence.

August 2 - Virgil Brockman, 21, attempted first degree murder and committing a felony with a firearm; Richard Singleton, 22, aggravated stalking.

August 3 - Juvenile, 16, stalking; Juvenile, 13, trespassing on school property.

August 4 - Stacy Wells, 24, strong arm robbery, battery on a law enforcement officer and petty theft; Juvenile, 16, possession of marijuana under 20 grams; Lewis Heggs, 53, petty theft.

August 5 - Angel Cruz, 24, disorderly conduct; Jessie Christley, 48, loitering and prowling; Bobbie Rouse, 46, driving while under the influence; Dorothy Johnson, 34, failure to appear for arraignment on charges of retail theft and driving while her license was suspended.

August 6 - Noe Margarito, 32, domestic battery and resisting an officer with violence; Mario Benitez, 24, resisting an officer with violence; Thomas Williams, 21, failure to appear on charges of driving while license suspended/droved, trespassing after warning and resisting an officer without violence; Erica Bledsoe, 27, two counts of violation of probation.

SOUTH BAY

The South Bay Police Department made six arrests the week of July 30-August 5. Those arrested included:

July 30 - No arrests made.

July 31 - No arrests made.

August 1 - No arrests made.

August 2 - Emmanuel Dixon, 46, shoplifting; Juvenile, 9, petty theft

August 3 - No arrests made.

August 4 - Teldrin L. Foster, 19, battery;

Felton C. Glaze, 32, obstructing an officer.

August 5 - Juvenile, 17, making a false report; Edwin Dennard, 37, burglary.

PAHOKEE

The Pahokee Police Department handled 185 calls, issued 5 traffic citations and made four arrests the week of July 31-August 6.

Those arrested included:

July 31 - No arrests made.

August 1 - Juvenile, 16, battery on a detention staff member.

August 2 - Juvenile, 14, battery on a detention staff member and resisting arrest with violence.

August 3 - No arrests made.

August 4 - John Doe, 30, throwing a deadly missile into an occupied vehicle.

August 5 - Jane Doe, 26, aggravated assault and throwing a deadly missile into an occupied structure.

August 6 - No arrests made.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office made 10 arrests the week of August 1-7.

Those arrested included:

August 1 - No arrests made.

August 2 - Emanuel Dixon, 46, Belle Glade, failure to appear felony retail theft.

Aug. 5 - Telies D. Lawler, 23, Belle Glade, obstruction, resisting with violence; Simeon Antonio Richardson, 25, Davie, failure to appear, driving while license suspended, speeding.

Aug. 5 - Andrew Curtis Washington, 35, Belle Glade, domestic battery; Regina D. Smith, 36, South Bay, fraudulent credit card, forgery; Meme Alvarado, 23, Belle Glade, domestic battery; Morris Anthony Simpson, 29, Belle Glade, violation of probation, driving while license suspended; Stephanie Harmon, 19, Pahokee, domestic battery.

Aug. 7 - Angelika E. Richards, 21, South Bay, aggravated assault.

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South Bay PD celebrates 'Night Out Against Crime'

By Tracy Whirls

The South Bay Police Department joined law enforcement agencies across the country Tuesday night in observing National Night Out, a unique crime/drug prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch.

The "Night Out Against Crime" is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness

- Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs

- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships

- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhood hoods are organized and fighting back.

South Bay native and attorney Albin Robinson provided hamburgers, hot dogs, sodas and chips for a block party style cookout. Entertainment was provided by South Bay's Street Beat and South Bay Police Officer Michael Brown performed the rap song "Ghetto Bird" for the entertainment of the young people in the crowd. The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Department was represented by bicycle patrol officer Ray Rahy and officers who fingerprinted and photographed children.

On a more somber note, South Bay Police Chief Danny Jones, accompanied by his young son, Danny Jones, Jr., led the audience in a candlelight vigil in memory of Louise Walcott, 88, who was murdered in her NW 10th Avenue Apartment, by a suspect who reportedly told police he was high on crack cocaine when he robbed, sexually assaulted and murdered



South Bay Police Officer Michael Brown performed the rap song "Ghetto Bird" for the entertainment of the young people in the crowd during South Bay's observance of "National Night Out Against Crime" Tuesday.

the elderly woman before setting fire to her apartment.

Chief Jones said the "Night Out" event is the continuation of the department's efforts to become more community oriented and to organize community support to combat crime. In May, officers from the department began cleaning up Martin Luther King Blvd. and

10th Avenue, to encourage residents and business owners in the neighborhood to take pride in their homes and to discourage drug trafficking and other crime in the area. Tuesday night, the department passed out literature and sign up cards, encouraging residents to become volunteer firemen, Crime Watch volunteers or to attend the

upcoming Citizens Police Academy in September.

The department also issued Letters of Commendation and a Civilian Service Medal to twelve citizens who had gone "above and beyond the call of duty" in assisting the department or victims of crime.

On Saturday, Feb. 26, Arrabice Ramirez was working on a Plymouth van when a block of wood holding up the van gave way. The van fell on Mr. Ramirez, crushing him beneath it. The full weight of the van was resting on the victim's left arm and chest. Several neighbors worked together and were able to lift the van off the victim and pull him to safety. Although Mr. Ramirez sustained a broken arm and internal injuries, his life was undoubtedly saved by the quick action of his neighbors," said South Bay Police Chief and Public Safety Director Danny Jones. The neighbors credited with saving Mr. Ramirez's life are: Luis Salinas, Valentino Florez, Yolanda Trevino, Tiodora Cardenas, Carolina Mendoza, Javier Ramirez, Hector Velasquez, Cecilia Toledo, and Mariano Salinas.

George Sandiford received the Civilian Service Award for assisting firefighters with a large structure fire on April 21, 1999. Mr. Sandiford helped pull fire hoses and spray water which put him at great personal risk due to downed power lines in the area.

On June 3, after hearing a yell for help, Andrew Carey and Oswald Chung entered a residence that was on fire and helped two people escape a burning injury. The two first helped Mrs. Ruby Dawson out of the residence, then Mr. Carey went back into the burning house and woke up Ray Dawson who was

asleep on the couch. The house suffered about \$10,000 in damage and was full of smoke. "Mr. Dawson and his mother would have surely been in further danger if it were

not for the unselfish acts of Mr. Carey and Mr. Chung," said Sgt. Michael Madden in nominating the two for the award.

South Bay PD to sponsor Glades first 'Citizen Public Safety Academy'

In September, citizens of South Bay and other Glades area residents will have the opportunity to participate in the Glades' first Citizen Public Safety Academy, designed to give the public a better understanding of the departments police and firefighting functions. The curriculum and teaching methods are similar to the traditional police academy, although it's not intended to make citizens into police officers or firefighters, but to allow them to learn more about public safety operations.

"Citizens will become informed as to the actual role of the public safety officer and in return, the public safety officer will benefit from the wealth of knowledge citizens can give about their community," said South Bay Police Chief Danny Jones. The Citizen Public Safety Academy is our opportunity to show how serious our commitment is to our community. While attending the Citizen Public Safety Academy you will be involved in actual training sessions and will

leave with a broader understanding of the police and firefighting functions. It is our hope that the participants in our Academy will develop an understanding of law enforcement and will be able to formulate responsible conclusions concerning police activities.

"The more information the public has about the public safety department, the less fears will exist. Many conflicts are caused simply by a lack of understanding, and these can be avoided," said Chief Jones. "It is our hope that graduates of the Citizen Public Safety Academy will take their knowledge into the community, educate others when the opportunity arises, and make decisions which affect the city and public safety department with heightened awareness and better understanding. Additionally, graduates become extra eyes and ears to observe and report crimes or suspicious activities throughout our area."

Who may attend the academy?

Citizens who live and work in the city of South Bay as well as family members of police officers are eligible to apply to the Academy and will be given first preference. However, we also encourage citizens within the Glades area, who do not fall within the above categories and have an interest in law enforcement and firefighting to apply.

A criminal record and driving status is checked on each applicant. The South Bay Public Safety Department reserves the right to deny acceptance to persons with a criminal history. Applicants must be 16 years of age or older.

How are the classes conducted?

Students will meet on Thursday nights from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Occasionally classes will run over the scheduled time, to accommodate more in-depth training such as firearms and driving.

Students will receive a total of 32 Please see Academy/9

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Glades Central football coach resigns

By Tracy Whirls

Just two weeks after being named head football coach at Glades Central, Odester "Mickey" Freeman resigned last Thursday, following a disagreement with new Glades Central Principal Derrick Manning concerning the coaching staff.

Mr. Freeman, a special education teacher at Glades Central, could not be reached for comment. In published reports, Coach Freeman said he had

already hired his staff and wanted to get the new coaches out with the JV squad, rather than make room on the varsity staff this season.

Former defensive coordinator Guillermo "Willie" Bueno, who has been a Raiders assistant coach for the past six years was given the top slot.

According to Mr. Manning, he had asked Coach Freeman to add teachers Lamar Lending, and Shawn Killets to the coach-

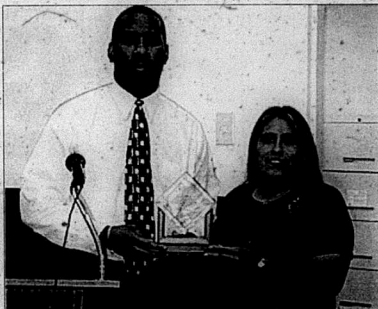
ing staff, not to replace existing volunteer staff members, but to give them an opportunity to prove themselves. "I told him I didn't care how many coaches he had, that he didn't have to give them the top assignments," the principal said, "but to give them a strong look and see what they could do."

Mr. Manning said being able to offer teachers coaching slots, and the stipend that goes with them, is an important recruit-

ment tool.

"We need to get good teachers, and they want to be able to do other things. These are some of the best coaches elsewhere in the state," Mr. Manning said.

Landing, a Belle Glade native and former player and coach at Glades Day will be the defensive coordinator and Killets will coach wide receivers and defensive backs. Both came from Bartow, after spending four years at Okeechobee.



U.S. Census Bureau area coordinator Juanita Mainster presented South Bay City Manager Michael Jackson with an award in recognition of the city's assistance in completing an accurate census count, particularly in under-counted populations, this summer.

SHIP Spirit 2000 conference slated for Sept. 16

The second annual Senior HIV Intervention Project, SHIP Spirit 2000 conference in the Glades, hosted by Glades General Hospital, will feature Dr. Allan Noonan, MD, MPH, Senior Advisor with the Office of the Surgeon General, Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, D.C., Saturday Sept. 16 from 11 a.m. to

3 p.m. Other guest speakers during the conference will include Rev. Dr. George E. McRae, Mt. Tabor Baptist Church, Miami; Rev. Marilyn Usher, Greater Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Miami; and Dr. Betty Baker of the C.L. Brumback Health Center, Belle Glade.

The bold leadership and action of

pastors in the Glades who signed the Declaration of Eradication of HIV, committing to breaking the silence on HIV, will be commended and encouraged during the conference.

The pastors with the help of just a few dedicated volunteers kept the SHIP Spirit alive throughout this past year. Integrating HIV education to their congregations, encouraging HIV testing and promoting compassion for those who are infected, said Alyx Schaffer, SHIP coordinator.

Since Jan. 2, the signed Declaration of Eradication of HIV has been passed from church to church within the tri-city area of Belle Glade, South Bay and Pahokee every two weeks. Upon arrival, the declaration is read to the congregation and an HIV education workshop is scheduled and conducted by trained SHIP volunteers. During the following Sunday sermon, the pastor promotes the importance of knowing HIV facts

and having compassion for the infected. Once a month, pastors, volunteers, members of the congregations and community, law enforcement and political leaders conduct SHIP Spirit 2000 Street Revival Outreach, bringing HIV education to the inner heart of the community.

During the conference, the entire Glades Community is invited to honor their pastors for the HIV Education and compassion they have promoted through their bold leadership of SHIP Spirit 2000, by taking at free HIV test at any of the sites below: Inspirational Church of God, South Bay, testing provided courtesy of Glades Health Survey; Mt. Zion AME, Belle Glade, testing provided courtesy of C.L. Brumback Health Care Center, and in Pahokee at a site to be announced later, courtesy of Comprehensive AIDS program. Refreshments will be provided courtesy of Palm Beach County Health Care District.

Wrisper joins the Army

Katrina J. Wrisper has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program. The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year.

The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as \$50,000 toward a college education. After completion of basic military training, sol-

diers receive advanced individual training in their career specialty.

The recruit qualifies for a \$4,000 enlistment bonus.

Ms. Wrisper, a 1995 graduate of Glades Central High School, Belle Glade, will report to Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo., for basic training Aug. 31.

She is the daughter of Elouise N. and Jimmie L. Wrisper of Belle Glade.



Nine-year old Leon Rolles of Pahokee shot a 50 and came in fourth in the 9-10-year-old division of the Club Med Junior Open in Port St. Lucie July 29. Sponsored by the Treasure Coast Junior Golf Association, the tournament drew 110 participants aged 3-18.

Enrollment limited

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hours from certified public safety officers and other expert instructors. On the 10th week, the public safety department will conduct a graduation ceremony for the participants that successfully complete the Academy.

Students will also be required to spend 10 hours in a police ride-along program. This will provide the student with firsthand knowledge of what it is like to work as a patrol officer.

What subjects are taught in the class?

Subjects will include: Recruitment, uniform patrols, evidence, firefighting, first aid and rescue, K-9 demonstration, Control continuum demonstration, crime prevention, jail tour, firearms training, investigations, radar, internal affairs, traffic and DUI, criminal law, bike patrol demonstration, tour dispatch center and officer ride-along. Many of these classes will give the student an opportunity to have hands-on experience so they will develop an understanding of what duties a public safety officer performs on a day-to-day basis.

How can information from this academy be used by the police?

The South Bay Public Safety Department believes public opinion and knowledge is essential to establish the community policing concept. Opinion provided from citizens will play a vital role in the future of the police department.

Is there a fee for the Citizen Public Safety Academy?

No. The South Bay Public Safety Department provides this service to the community free of charge. The Academy is sponsored by the city of South Bay and private sponsors. The Academy will be offered once in the spring and once in the fall.

How do I apply?

For more information or to receive an application, contact South Bay Public Safety, 335 SW 2nd Ave, South Bay, Fla. 33493 or phone 996-6511 or 996-6512 or fax (561) 996-3001. Enrollment is limited to approximately 25 students per academy class.

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